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SUBJ: ECE: SENIOR ADVISORS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

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1. ACTING POLCOUNS ON MARCH 29 CALLED ON POZHARSKY, DEPUTY CHIEF MFA' S INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, AND MADE PITCH PER REFTTEL.

2. POZHARSKY RESTRICTED HIS OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO STATEMENT THAT DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS MATTER LIES WITH STATE COMMITTEE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND THAT US VIEWS WOULD BE PASSED IMMEDIATELY TO THAT COMMITTEE.

3. HE THEN PROCEEDED, " IN THE SPIRIT OF US- SOVIET RELATIONS IN 1973," TO GIVE HIS " PERSONAL" VIEWS, WHICH HE CAUTIONED SHOULD BE TAKEN ONLY AS COMPLETELY UNOFFICIAL INDICATION OF SOVIET THINKING:

A. HE CONFIRMED THAT SOVIETS HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT
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GOING TOO FAR AT GENEVA BEFORE CSCE HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS ITSELF ON GENERAL POLICY AND PERHAPS ON SPECIFIC MAJOR PROJECTS. THEREFORE THEY FAVOR " FLEXIBILITY" AT THE FIRST SESSION OF SENA, WHICH DOES NOT MEAN THAT POSSIBLE AREAS OF COOPERATION CANNOT BE POINTED OUT.

B. HE SAW NO PROBLEM WITH CONCEPT THAT ECE WORK ON ENVIRONMENT SHOULD BE COORDINATED BY SENIOR ADVISERS.

C. HE GENERALLY AGREED WITH US. PRIORITIES, WHILE NOTING THAT THERE COULD OF COURSE BE DIFFERENCES OVER EXACTLY WHICH TRANSNATIONAL PROBLEMS SHOULD BE TARGETS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. SOVIETS FAVOR SYMPOSIA AND SEMINARS ON SPECIFIC (AS OPPOSED TO WIDE- RANGING AND GENERAL) QUESTIONS. HE SAID SOVIETS FAVOR THE EXCHANGE OF NATIONAL STUDIES RATHER THAN HAVING SECRETARIAT, WHICH MAY NOT BE QUALIFIED, UNDERTAKE STUDIES.

D. COMMENTING ON EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS CITED REFTEL, HE SAW PROBLEMS IF ADVISERS TRY TO SPECIFY WHICH WATER BODIES AND AIRSHEDS ARE TO BE SUBJECT OF STUDY (PARA 6, SUBPARA 1 REFTEL), BUT THOUGHT SOVIETS MIGHT GO ALONG WITH CONCEPT SO LONG AS IT IS KEPT GENERAL. HE SAW NO PROBLEM SUBPARA 2, HE RESERVED ON SUBPARA 3, WHICH HE SAID IS TECHNICAL QUESTION. IDEA OF SUBPARA 4 IS APPEALING TO SOVIETS, BUT THEY MAY HAVE LEGALISTIC DIFFICULTIES WITH WORDING (ESPECIALLY THE WORD " POLICIES"). HE THOUGHT SUBPARA 5 AN ESPECIALLY USEFUL CONCEPT WHICH DESERVES IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

4. POZHARSKY SAID HE THOUGHT SOVIET SELEGATION WOULD BE HEADED BY KONSTANTIN ANANICHEV OF STATE COMMITTEE S & T. HE SAID INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOVIET DEL ARE STILL IN PROCESS OF BEING DRAWN UP, AND SAID US VIEWS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. DUBS

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